

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on pages 21, 40, 44, 55, 56, 60, 65 and 68.

In Example 21 and Comparative Examples 13-15 of the specification, there had been several occurrences of wrong referencing to Examples 9 and 16. The Examiner should note that since only Example 17 explicitly mentions forming a coated tablet, the erroneous references in the above examples for obtaining a coating tablet are mere typographical errors and one skilled in the art would understand that the references should be correctly referring to Example 17.

In Example 26 of the specification, Items 9 and 14 had been erroneously referred to as being significant improvements. Based on Table 3 that has also been referenced, it would be understood by one skilled in the art that the best results should be Items 10 and 16, and not Items 9 and 14.

In Example 29 of the specification, the Examiner should note that only Example 27 refers to ozone and not in the erroneously referenced Example 26.

In Example 32 of the specification, the replacement term "budding scar" would be understood by one skilled in the art given the context that it is referred to in the said example.

Other than the abovementioned, the remaining amendments are to correct mistranslations and find support in the Japanese-language international application.

Claims 8 and 9 have been added. Claims 1-9 remain pending in this application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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